GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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RAILWAY SAFETY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of bomb blast occurred at Old Delhi Railway Station during the last nine months of the year 1999;

(b) whether the Government have announced the deployment of Commandos in all sensitive trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the routes identified where commandos are to be deployed;

(d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(e) whether the steps for beefing the Railway Protection Force is also under the consideration of Government;

(f) if so, whether the Government have urged all the State Governments to help and assist the Railway authorities in checking up of bomb blasts with the help of their police; (g) if so, whether any workable formula has been worked out with the State Governments; and (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)No case of bomb blast was reported at Old Delhi Station during the last nine months of the year 1999

(1.4.1999 to 31.12.1999). However, one case of explosion was reported on 6.1.2000.
(b)No,Sir. However, Commandos training is being started for selected RPF personnel.
(c) & (d) The proposal is at nascent stage.
(e)No, Sir.
(f)Yes, Sir.
(g)Yes, Sir.
(h)Following steps have been undertaken :
(1) Co-ordination meetings are being held between Railway managers, RPFofficers and State Police officers at the Zonal and Divisional level. Meeting is also being held at the level of Railway Board. State Governments have been urged to take preventive measures to check the bomb blasts.
(2) RPF Officers are holding regular co-ordination meeting with their counter-parts on the GRP and Civil Police.
(3) Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is being done at all levels.
(4) Joint Strategies for dealing with anti-social elements operating on Railways have been chalked out by the GRP and RPF.
(5) RPF Sniffer dogs, wherever available, are being deployed at Railway platforms, yards etc. to sniff out explosive substances.RPF men are being trained in the identification and detection of explosive devices.